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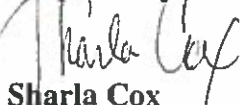
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**WATER DISTRICT #31  
Dubois, Idaho  
CLARK AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, IDAHO  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2016**

The water users of Water District No. 31 met in the Clark County Annex Building, Dubois, Idaho, on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., as provided by Idaho Statutes for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary, electing a Watermaster, adopting the 2016 budget, and any other business that may come before the District.

Those in attendance were: Jim Hagenbarth, Brian Wehausen (Camas Wildlife Refuge), Keith Shulberg (Independent Water Users), Rhett Jacobs (Riverbend Ranch), Richard Savage, Steve Shively (Mud Lake Water Users) Roy Yearsley (Mud Lake Water Users), Bill Frederiksen, Daren Bitter, Dallas Furness, Chairman, Greg Shenton, Watermaster; Brett Murdock, Deputy Watermaster; Louis Merrill, Byron Tavenner, Lynn Burtenshaw, Ken Torgerson and Laurie Small, Secretary.

Chairman Dallas Furness called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Steve Shively moved that the proposed agenda be adopted as the order of business for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Keith Shulberg. Motion passed.**

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Reading and Approval of Previous Year's Minutes
3. Nomination and Election of Chairman and Secretary
4. Report of Watermaster and Approval
5. Fix the Compensation of Watermaster and Deputy and Adoption of Budget
6. Election of Watermaster and Appointment of Deputy
7. Appointment of Advisory Board
8. Adoption of Resolutions
9. IDWR Report
10. Other Business
11. Set Date and Time of Next Year's Annual Meeting
12. Adjournment

**MINUTES:**

**Lynn Burtenshaw made a motion to approve the 2015 minutes. Jim Hagenbarth seconded the motion. Motion passed**

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY:**

**Chairman Dallas Furness asked for nomination from the floor for Chairman and Secretary. Lynn Burtenshaw moved that Dallas Furness continue as Chairman and Laurie Small as Secretary. Daren Bitter seconded the motion. Nominations passed.**

**REPORT OF WATERMASTER:**

Watermaster Greg Shenton discussed the Watermaster's Report items as follows.

## **2015 WATER YEAR**

The 2015 water delivery was at 104,427 A.F. up 1722 A.F. from last year. A total of 12,589 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 91,438 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. The 2014 water delivery was at 102,305 A.F. for the water district. A total of 12,538 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 89,767 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County.

## **STREAM FLOWS**

Beaver Creek reached Dubois for one day in March. Camas Creek did not reach Camas Wildlife Refuge. Camas Creek did keep a steady flow to Riverbend Ranch for most of the summer.

## **EARLY PUMPING**

It was determined that the Mud Lake be filled to the seven foot level. Independent water users started pumping on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March and Mud Lake Water Users started pumping the 29<sup>th</sup> of March.

## **BEAVER**

There were no problems on lower Camas Creek this year with beaver. In the Kilgore area there has been an increase of beaver activity. Last fall a trapper cover the Kilgore area and plans to the same this year.

## **BEAVER CREEK CHANNEL ALTERATION**

There has been no change in the stream alteration on Beaver Creek since last year.

## **MUD LAKE CONTENT**

Watermaster reported on the water levels in Mud Lake for March 1, 2016, which was 7,520 A.F., May 1, 2015 which was 30,000 A.F. and November 1, 2015 which was 11,500 A.F.

## **CAMAS CREEK INFLOW INTO MUD LAKE**

For 2014 the inflow was 0 A.F. The 2015 inflow was 0 A.F.

## **2015 WATER USE OF MAJOR CANAL COMPANIES**

Mud Lake Water Users used a total of 67,553 A.F., applying 3.08 A.F. per acre, while the Independent Water Users used 7,519 A.F. applying 1.83 A.F. per acre. 2015 average use in the Mud Lake area 2.88 A.F. per acre. From 1992 to 2015 the average is 2.86 A.F. per acre. The high was in 1992 of 3.31 and the low was in 2009 of 2.26.

## **SNOW REPORT - MARCH 1, 2016**

The Camp Creek-Beaver Creek measurements show a snow depth of 26" with water content at 6.5 compared to Kilgore-Camas Creek measurements show a snow depth of 28" with water content at 8.6. The Camp Creek snow course is at 86% of normal, the Kilgore course is 91% of normal, the Crab Creek course is at 99%, and the Lake View Ridge course is at 84% of normal. The average of all 4 sites is 90% of normal.

Greg reported on the cloud seeding in the area. There are 25 ground units and 25 remote units being operated in the area. Idaho Power is trying to gain more control over the cloud seeding program and would assess the cost to the water users.

After group discussion, **Lynn Burtenshaw made a motion to continue the autonomy of the cloud seeding with the local company. Keith Shulberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

#### **2015 BUDGET REVIEW AND 2016 BUDGET PROPOSAL:**

Watermaster, Greg Shenton, reviewed the 2015 budget and actual expenses, explaining some of the expenditures. Greg explained that line item totals had been entered wrong from the 2015 budget and explained how they had been used. They stayed within the total budget but additional funds were used for mileage. Greg offered to deduct the money from this year's mileage total.

**Jim Hagenbarth moved to leave the money for mileage. Daren Bitters seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Greg informed the group of money in the account that has been collected for water on construction work. There is a total of \$5163.95 with \$710.00 of it designated for trapping beaver leaving a total of \$4,453.95 available. He encouraged the water users to decide what they wanted to do with those funds.

Greg also went over the 2016 Budget Proposal which would increase \$2,000.00. The Federal Agencies were billed \$1056.03.

	2016 Proposed Budget	2016 Adopted Budget
Misc. Expenses	\$44,650.00	\$44,650.00
Channel & Legal	\$1000.00	\$1000.00
Secretary	\$550.00	\$550.00
Office Rent	\$2000.00	\$2000.00
Total	\$46,200.00	\$46,200.00
Watermaster Salary	\$33,300.00	\$33,300.00
Deputy Salary	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
Total	\$57,300.00	\$57,300.00
Watermaster Mileage	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00
Deputy Mileage	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
2015 Budget	\$136,000.00	\$136,000.00
2016 Budget	\$138,000.00	\$138,000.00
Increase	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
2016 Budget	\$138,000.00	\$138,000.00
Less Federal Agencies	\$1,056.03	\$1,056.03
Total	\$136,943.97	\$134,946.65

#### **APPROVAL OF WATERMASTER'S REPORT & ADOPTION OF BUDGET:**

**Keith Shulberg made a motion to approve the Watermaster's Report. Jim Hagenbarth seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Daren Bitter made the motion to approve the compensation of the Watermaster and Deputy Watermaster and the proposed 2016 budget. Steve Shively seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

#### **ELECTION OF WATERMASTER AND DEPUTY WATERMASTER:**

**The Chairman called for nominations from the floor for Watermaster and Deputy Watermaster. Lynn Burtenshaw moved that Greg Shenton remain as Watermaster and Brett Murdock as Deputy Watermaster. Daren Bitter seconded the motion. Nomination passed.**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD:**

**The Chairman re-appointed the following to the Advisory Board: Dallas Furness as Chairman, Jim Hagenbarth, Valeria Maxwell, Andy Dobson, Keith Shulberg, Gerald Messerli and Bill Frederiksen as members.**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the following resolutions.**

##### **High Water at Mud Lake**

Be it hereby resolved, that the Watermaster be authorized to determine when diversion is needed and to divert any high water. That such water be considered stored in the aquifer, with rights to the water being retained by the district. Diversion of said waters would be by diverting at the Lone Tree Diversion, and pumping through the diversion canal at the Mud Lake Water Users.

##### **Collection of Water Assessments**

Be it hereby resolved, that no ditch, canal co., or other water user shall have the right to demand and receive water, and the Watermaster shall not deliver such water, until full payment is made. Said payment becomes due April 1, and becomes delinquent April 15, and if not paid by April 15, shall bear interest from the date of April 1, until paid at the rate of 8% per annum.

Be it further resolved that government agencies be exempt from the above provisions to the extent necessary for them to comply with payments according to the provisions of Federal law, and that the Watermaster of District 31, be authorized to enter into contract with said agencies of the United States for payment of assessment as provided in the budget.

##### **Mud Lake Water Users**

Be it hereby resolved, that any water user that completes the water year with a negative balance on the Mud Lake balance sheet shall have that negative balance carried forward to the April draft column on the balance sheet of the following year, and said negative balance shall be charged to the Mud Lake allotment of said following year, as set forth in part 5, paragraph 4 of the Mud Lake Decree.

### **District Billings and Collections**

Be it hereby resolved, that the Clark County Auditor make up a roll of all Water District 31 users to include all of Clark and Jefferson County users. Be it further resolved that the Clark County Treasurer mail out said billings and make collections of all Water District 31 Water Users to include all Jefferson County Water Users in said Water District 31 boundaries.

Be it further resolved that the Clark County Treasurer also make all payments and disbursements owed by Water District 31, which are presented through the proper claims procedures which are common to other Clark County practices.

### **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS:**

Lynn Burtenshaw made a motion that the resolutions be adopted as recorded. Steve Shively seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **IDWR REPORT:**

There was no one in attendance to give an IDWR report.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Jim Hagenbarth and Dallas Furness led the discussion on the importance of up to date and accurate water records.

Discussion on trapping of beaver.

Keith Shulberg made a motion to authorize an additional \$1000.00 for trapping beaver. Daren Bitters seconded the motion. Motion passed

### **MEETING TIME:**

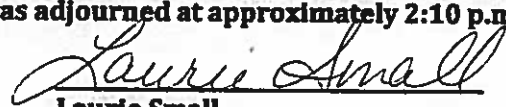
Lynn Burtenshaw made the motion to have the next meeting on March 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., at the Clark County Annex Building in Dubois, Idaho. Jim Hagenbarth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Dallas Furness asked if there was any further business; having no further business, Darn Bitter moved to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Dallas Furness  
Chairman

  
Laurie Small  
Secretary